REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

All of The Claims Are In Condition For Allowance

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-15, 17-26 and 46-71 are allowed, and that Claims 54 and 59 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Claims 53, 55, 58 and 60-71 were rejected.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's claim rejections. However, in order to speed prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims to place the application in condition for immediate allowance. Specifically, Applicants have amended Claim 53 to add the limitations of allowable Claim 54. Similarly, Applicants have amended Claim 58 to add the limitations of allowable Claim 59. As such, allowable Claims 54 and 59 have been rewritten into independent form as Claims 53 and 58, respectively. Further claim amendments have been made so that Claims 55-57, 60-65, and 67-71 depend from now-allowable Claims 53 and 58. Claims 54, 59 and 66 have been cancelled without prejudice.
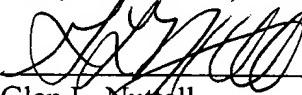
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections and objections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims and specification. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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